ENTRANCE AWARDS GUIDE 2015/2016
Welcome to SAIT Polytechnic

Whether you are starting your very first semester, or getting ready to graduate, a student award in the form of a scholarship or bursary can help you achieve your goals and find success. Every year, more than $4 million in awards are available to SAIT students in almost every program through the generosity of our corporate partners, alumni, faculty, staff and friends. An award might mean you don’t have to take that part-time job to finance your studies. An award might mean recognition for academic success or community involvement. An award might make the difference between just wanting to attend and being able to attend.

You are a valued member of the SAIT family, and you’re here at an exciting time in SAIT’s history. In 2016, this institution will celebrate its centennial. In just under 100 years, we have grown from a tiny school on the northern edge of town to today’s state-of-the-art campus, and we are well on our way to our goal of becoming a global leader in applied education.

Throughout our 10 decades, more than 211,000 students have graduated from SAIT, and the Alumni and Development team is proud of our alumni and all they have achieved. But our team doesn’t focus only on people who have already graduated. Alumni and Development is just as dedicated to supporting the career goals of our current students. We’re here to help, and we’d love to meet you. So be sure to drop by the Alumni and Development window (MA113 in Heritage Hall) to say hello.

On behalf of the Alumni and Development team, I wish you a great year and continued success.

Brian Bowman
Director, Alumni and Development

The Alumni and Development Team is here to be part of your educational experience

SAIT’s Alumni and Development team offers:
The SAIT Student Awards Program: We are proud to offer more than $4 million in awards to students in almost every program. Awards are available to all qualifying students in recognition of academic success, financial need, community involvement and more.

Connections to Industry: Get involved with your student club and get connected to alumni and other industry leaders. We contribute to a number of networking events that will connect you to your industry. It’s a great way to learn more about your future career and to meet people who may someday become your employer.

Free Business Cards for Graduating Students: During the months just prior to your graduation from SAIT, watch for information on how to order and obtain your free business cards which we provide. We want you to succeed in and out of the classroom.

Volunteer Opportunities: We invite you to help out with a number of events throughout the year. You’ll gain experience to add to your résumé, meet industry professionals and stay connected with fellow students. For more information about volunteer opportunities, visit sait.ca/alumni or email alumni@sait.ca.

From the moment we welcome you on campus to the time when we help you succeed in your chosen profession after graduation, we will do all we can to support your goals. We look forward to meeting you and seeing you throughout the year. Drop by our office at any time. We're located in room MA113 in Heritage Hall.
STUDENT AWARDS – A BIG BENEFIT

Each year thousands of worthy SAIT students receive over $4 million in awards from our donors. A student award can mean the difference between attending SAIT or not, or having to work while in school and taking longer to graduate. These awards can help students manage their debt load so that they are able to start their careers off right.

SAIT offers more than 4,000 awards in the following categories: Entrance, General, School-Nominated and Government.

ENTRANCE AWARDS

This brochure outlines the 2015/2016 Entrance Awards that are available online for application until May 30, 2015. Entrance Awards are designated for students who are beginning a new program in the upcoming fall. In some instances these awards are program-specific and in others, students in any program may apply.

Please note: If you are an apprentice, you must apply during your first period of apprenticeship training at SAIT Polytechnic during the 2015/2016 year.

ADDITIONAL AWARD CATEGORIES

Additional awards available to SAIT students are detailed in the Student Awards Guide made available in August each year and online at mysait.ca. Once a student has confirmed their seat in their program and paid their tuition deposit, they can apply for awards in these additional categories:

- General Awards – Undesignated awards that, in most circumstances, any student in any program may apply for provided they meet the award criteria.
- Program-Specific Awards – Designated to the academic programs and specific to each program of study.
- Government Awards – Designed and issued directly by the provincial government. All details on these awards can be found by visiting alis.alberta.ca/scholarships.

AWARD CRITERIA

SAIT awards are given based in whole or in part on the following criteria:

- Academic Achievement – Academic achievement from high school and/or on specific pre-requisites.
- Financial Need – Financial need is determined on the comparison of a student’s income and the expenses for the academic year. Students receiving student loans may still be considered in financial need.
- Community Involvement – Participation in high school events or clubs, community events, volunteer commitments with non-profits and/or charities, and involvement in extracurricular activities such as sports or church. It is important to include as much information as possible on these in your application.
- Donor Specific – Criteria which the donor of the award has identified as important to them.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHO MAY APPLY?

Once you are accepted into SAIT as a full-time student in a program or apprenticeship you may be eligible to apply. You must have a SAIT student ID number, have paid your tuition deposit and have access to your mySAIT account.

ARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ELIGIBLE?

Yes, students who are citizens of countries other than Canada and who have been accepted at SAIT on a student visa are eligible for SAIT student awards. In order to collect the award, however, an international student must have either a Social Insurance Number ( SIN) or an Individual Tax Number (ITN). International students should contact the SAIT International Student office for details and assistance with this. The office may also suggest other awards that are directed specifically to international students.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are only accepted online at mySAIT.ca. Click on the myStudent tab and look under the Finance Information section for Scholarships and Awards and for the Online Student Awards Application Form. These pages list all of the Entrance Awards – simply check off the awards you wish to apply for. Apply anytime, anywhere. It’s that simple.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Please note that Entrance Awards are only open for application until May 30, 2015. This deadline is firm and cannot be extended.

For Apprentice Entrance Awards, you must apply during your first period of training while you are attending SAIT during the 2015/2016 year.

TRANSCRIPTS

Applicants MUST submit the most recent copy of their high school transcripts to the Alumni and Development office (MA113) prior to May 30, 2015. If you have provided a copy of your transcript to Student Services when you applied to SAIT, you will still need to provide an additional copy specifically for your awards application.

APPLICATION TIPS

READ THE CRITERIA

Read the criteria for each award carefully. Please do not apply for an award if you do not meet the essential criteria. Targeting your application will save you time.

A WORD ABOUT YOUR REFERENCES

Choose your references with care. Employers, religious leaders, community leaders, teachers and instructors can serve as excellent references. Ideally your references should have known you for a minimum of six months. Avoid using family members, best friends or roommates.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If you are applying for any awards that have financial need as a criterion, you must fill in this section of the application. Please provide accurate information on monthly expenses and income. If you are unsure of the exact amounts, please provide estimates.

ESSAYS, WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION, SPECIALITY CRITERIA

Please read these sections carefully and answer the questions as specifically as you can. It is best to provide as much detailed information as possible.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I WIN AN AWARD?

The SAIT Alumni and Development office will email or telephone you if you are selected as a recipient.

THERE ARE AT LEAST 465 WORDS FOR THANK YOU

No matter how you say it – cheers, merci, danke, shukran, xie xie, gracias, shukriya. If you do receive an award, here is how you can say thank you to SAIT supporters:

- Use the form provided in your awards package to write a thank you note to the donor.
- When you are successful in the work force, please keep in touch with us and consider supporting SAIT in any way you can.

TAXATION OF AWARDS

The full amount of scholarships, fellowships, or bursaries is not taxable and is no longer reported as income on your tax return. This applies to scholarships, fellowships, or bursaries received by you as a student with respect to your enrolment in a program that entitles you to claim the education amount (Form T2202A: Tuition, Education, & Textbook Amounts Certificate). For government funded awards, the T4As that are issued by Alberta Advanced Education – Students Finance will show the tax amount of scholarships and bursaries in Box 28 – Other Income. Box 38, shows the footnote code as 05, which is for Scholarships/Bursaries. This amount should not be reported on your tax return, as long as you are eligible for the education amount.

If you are unsure of your tax status, contact the Canada Revenue Agency at: 1.800.959.8281 or cra.gc.ca.

PLEASE NOTE:

- All awards, amounts and numbers of awards as listed in this brochure are subject to receipt of funding. In the event of program cancellation, awards will be reallocated to a program area designated by Alumni and Development.
- If there is a discrepancy between the published award criteria or value and the official award documentation located in the Alumni and Development office, the official documentation is deemed accurate. Award criteria and values are subject to change.

"I recently finished my first intake for my apprentice program. I greatly appreciate the award I received as it will help financially through the next year of school. Once I finish my apprenticeship I plan on going to Africa to practice my trade there by installing rainwater harvesting operations. Thank you for the donation!"

- Johnathen, Plumbing apprentice
2015/2016 ENTRANCE AWARDS

Note: Applicants MUST submit a copy of their most recent high school transcripts to the Alumni and Development Office (MAI3) prior to May 30, 2015 to be considered for these awards. This transcript copy is in addition to any transcript you submitted to Student Services at the time of application to SAIT Polytechnic.

ALBERTA ADVANCED EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY
Value: $5,000 Number: 3
Criteria:
• Entering one of the following programs: Automated Systems Engineering Technology, Bachelor of Applied Technology Geographic Information Systems, Bachelor of Applied Technology Information Systems, Broadcast Systems Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology, Electronics Engineering Technology, Information Technology, Object-Oriented Software Developer
• Academic merit
• Leadership through community involvement
• May study at SAIT or at distance delivery sites within Canada
Process:
• In the event of a tie, financial need will be considered.
Deadline: May 30

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS 50TH ANNIVERSARY
Value: $1,000 Number: 5
Criteria:
• Entering a diploma program
• Academic achievement
• Attended last year of high school in Alberta
• Alberta resident
• Financial need
• One award for the Information Technology program
• One award for any Health and Public Safety diploma program
• One award for any diploma program
• One award for a student who has relocated more than 100 km (one way) to attend SAIT
• One award for a student with disabilities where additional expenses are not covered by government funding
• Students who have previously successfully completed a certificate, diploma or degree are not eligible
Deadline: May 30

BARB HIGGINS - INSPIRATION
Value: $1,200 Number: 1
Criteria:
• Entering the Film and Video Production, Journalism or Radio, Television and Broadcast News programs
• Financial need
• Extracurricular and community activities
• Preference given to females and single parents
Deadline: May 30

BISSETT SCHOLAR PROGRAM
Value: $7,500 Number: 10
Renewal for additional $1,500
Nominated by principals from designated high schools, and identified as meeting the following criteria:
• Academic achievement
• Financial need
• Community involvement
Process:
• To qualify for renewal of award, recipients must maintain minimum academic requirements, complete Centre for Academic Learner Service requirements and continue to demonstrate eligibility under the criteria outlined above.
• For more information about this award, please visit sail.ca and search for Bissett Scholars Program.
Deadline: March 15, 2015 for students to submit completed application to student counsellor or designate at their respective high school

CARTHY FOUNDATION
Value: $4,855 Number: 4
Criteria:
• Entering one of the following programs: Administrative Information Management, Bachelor of Applied Technology Information Systems, Baking and Pastry Arts, Broadcast Systems Technology, Business Administration, Dental Assisting, Emergency Medical Technology - Paramedic, Film and Video Production, Graphic Communication and Print Technology, Health Information Management, Hospitality Management, Journalism, Legal Assistant, Library Information Technology, New Media Production and Design, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Nutrition for Healthy Lifestyles, Professional Cooking, Radio Television and Broadcast News, Respiratory Therapy, Travel and Tourism
• Academic achievement
• Financial need
• Leadership/community involvement
Deadline: May 30

CALDWELL FAMILY AWARD
Value: $2,000 Number: 1
Criteria:
• Entering the Bachelor of Applied Technology Petroleum Engineering, Petroleum Engineering Technology or Power Engineering Technology programs
• Financial need
• Academic achievement in prerequisite subjects required for admission
• Female student
Deadline: May 30

DICK AND LOIS HASKAYNE
Value: $4,000 Number: 5
Criteria:
• Entering a certificate or diploma program
• Financial need
• Academic achievement
• Graduate of a rural Canadian high school
• Preference given to students who intend to live in SAIT residence during their first year
Deadline: May 30

DICK AND LOIS HASKAYNE
Value: $4,000 Number: 5
Criteria:
• Entering a certificate or diploma program
• Financial need
• Academic achievement
• Graduate of a rural Canadian high school
• Preference given to students who intend to live in SAIT residence during their first year
Deadline: May 30

FARFAK Financial Holdings Limited
Value: $3,500 Number: 1
Renewal for 3 years for an additional $3,500 annually
Criteria:
• Entering a diploma, applied degree or degree program
• For a recent high school graduate (no longer than 18 months between graduation and SAIT enrolment)
• Financial need
• Academic achievement of 75% based on prerequisite marks
• Community involvement
• Canadian citizen or landed immigrant
Process:
• To qualify for renewal of award, recipients must continue enrolment in their chosen program in consecutive semesters (excluding four-month semester break), and continue to demonstrate eligibility under the criteria outlined above.
• Recipients must re-apply each year and declare if participating in a work-study program.
• This award is also listed on the Online Application under the General Awards Section.
Deadline: May 30

DALE LANDRY MEMORIAL
Value: $1,620; $2,430 Number: 2
Criteria:
• One award for entering a certificate program
• One award for entering a diploma, applied degree or degree program
• Financial need — intended to assist individuals with extenuating circumstances who may not be able to attend SAIT without financial assistance
Deadline: May 30
Thank you for your generous award. I used the money for textbooks and other school supplies. I am one of the few females in my program, and I love it. I was lucky enough to get a summer position in my industry. The amount of knowledge I have gained in my first year of school has been significant. I am excited to finish my program and looking forward to a job in my chosen field.

— Brogen, Power Engineering Technology
THESE STUDENTS ARE SMILING BECAUSE OF DONORS

DONORS INVEST IN SAIT POLYTECHNIC’S STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM, PROVIDING OVER $4 MILLION IN BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO MORE THAN 4,000 STUDENTS EACH YEAR.

Student awards remove financial barriers and allow men and women to focus on their studies. SAIT is proud of the many businesses, large and small, and individuals whose contribution to student awards inspire our students to achieve success.

If you have a question about the SAIT Student Awards Program, please call Alumni and Development at 403.284.7010 or email scholarships@sait.ca

NOTES

SHELL CANADA - ABORIGINAL, APPRENTICE
Value: $5,700 Number: 1
Renewal in second period
Criteria:
• Enrolled in the first period of an Apprenticeship program
• Intended for Aboriginal students
• Academic achievement (minimum GPA of 2.7)
• Leadership/community involvement
• Preference given to Millwright, Steamfitter/Pipefitter or Heavy Equipment apprentices

Process:
• Recipients who remain in good academic standing (minimum GPA of 2.7) and exemplify the values of a SAIT student through community involvement in a mentorship role within Chinook Lodge will be eligible for renewal in their second year.
• Recipients must re-apply each year.

Deadline: Apply during your first period of apprenticeship training during the 2015/2016 year

I received the letter today regarding the scholarship I’ve been awarded. I wanted to say a big thanks to you and everyone at SAIT and the donor! This means such a lot to me.
• Saffron, Hospitality Management

I am humbled and honored by the generous support of the donor of this award. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for having been selected to receive it to pursue my post-secondary education.
• Simeon, Mechanical Engineering Technology